

Qualified Teacher Status: Where do I go from here?

1 Are you an overseas qualified teacher from outside the European Economic Area?



- ✓ You may work without QTS for exactly four years from the first day you begin work as a teacher.
- ✓ You must gain QTS within those four years in order to continue working as a teacher. At the beginning of the four years you will want to ensure that you have UK first degree equivalence (see question 2) and apply for Employment-based Initial Teacher Training (EBITT), such as the Overseas Trained Teacher Programme (OTTP).

For more information on the Overseas Trained Teacher Programme contact the TDA's Overseas Trained Teacher helpline on 0845 6000 998 or visit:

www.tda.gov.uk/Recruit/thetrainingprocess/typesofcourse/ottp.aspx

www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/overseastrainedteachers

If you are a refugee contact the Refugee Council on 020 7346 1166 or at rit@refugeecouncil.org.uk



Go to Question 2

2 Has NARIC confirmed that your degree is equivalent to a full UK first degree?



Yes, my degree is equivalent to a full UK first (BA or BSc) degree

- ✓ Obtain your original certificate (translated into English) and NARIC certificate of equivalence.
- ✓ Go to Question 3.



No, I do not have a degree OR my degree is judged to be equivalent to A/AS level in the UK

- ☛ You will need to first get a UK BA or BSc degree before you can begin a route to QTS. Alternatively you may do a BEd or BA + QTS or BSc + QTS.



My degree is judged to be equivalent to a Diploma in HE (equivalent to only two years of study at university)

For more information on the Registered Teacher Programme contact the TDA's Overseas Trained Teacher helpline on 0845 6000 998 or visit:

www.tda.gov.uk/Recruit/thetrainingprocess/typesofcourse/employmentbased/rtp.aspx

www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/overseastrainedteachers

3 Do you have the required GCSEs or equivalences?



- ✓ Go to Question 4.



- ☛ The regulations say you must provide original certificates for your qualifications showing GCSE (Grade C or above) or equivalence in Maths and English (also Science for Primary). On applications put the highest level qualification you have (e.g. Maths at aged 18 years old).

Possible equivalences for English include Cambridge proficiency, IELTS (6.00 or higher) or RSA (stage 3). Check with your provider for other equivalent qualifications or NARIC for overseas qualifications. Some providers may offer equivalence testing in Maths which you can take before you begin your teacher training course – talk to your provider for more information.

4 Have you chosen your sector?



✓ Go to Question 5.



• Choose Primary or Secondary.

5 Have you chosen your route and investigated different providers?



✓ Go to Question 6.



• Choose your route:

Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE): A number of models exist including a one year full-time or 2 years part-time course in which students spend 24 weeks on teaching placements.

School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT): A one year full-time course which takes place entirely in the school and generally runs from September to June, although some start earlier.

Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP): This is an employment-based initial teacher training (EBITT) route which takes up to one year full-time and is ideal for mature candidates with experience working in schools. In most cases you are required to find your own school which is willing to employ and train you and provide support throughout the programme.

• Investigate different providers.

PGCE providers offering or including community languages are listed on the CILT website at:

www.cilt.org.uk/commlangs/pathways.htm

EBITT/SCITT providers are listed on the TDA website at:

www.tda.gov.uk/partners/recruiting/ebr/drbs/ebittcontacts.aspx

www.tda.gov.uk/Recruit/thetrainingprocess/trainingproviders/scittproviders.aspx

6 Have you obtained references to include in your application?



✓ Once you have answered YES to questions 2 to 6 you are ready to apply for your chosen Initial Teacher Training course.

How to apply:

For **PGCE** and **SCITT** courses: Apply through the Graduate Teacher Training Registry (GTTR) at www.gttr.ac.uk unless your chosen ITT provider requests that you apply to them directly. You may apply to up to four providers for secondary courses and up to two providers for primary courses.

For the **GTP**: Find a school which is willing to employ you then apply to a GTP provider or apply to an advertisement for the GTP Programme.

For the **RTP** and **OTTP**: First find a school willing to employ and train you and then apply through an EBITT provider. On some occasions EBITT providers may help you to find a school.

For a **BEEd** or **BA + QTS** or **BSc + QTS**: Apply through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) at www.ucas.ac.uk



• You need academic referees with full contact details. If you already work in a school (for example, as a Learning Assistant), ask your Head of Department to be a referee. Friends or neighbours are not suitable referees.